

SCRATCH THE SURFACE TATTOO I and II

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Tattoo Aftercare

As tattoos being a PERMANENT art, it is YOUR job to PROPERLY care for your new art by taking the following IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS SERIOUSLY.

The HEALING PROCESS is what will determine how bright, bold and beautiful your tattoo will turn out.

When the process of your PERSONALIZED ART is completed, the tattooist will apply a thin layer of ointment and a bandage to the tattoo. This is the LAST bandage you will EVER apply to your tattoo unless instructed otherwise by the artist. Remove the bandage after 1-2 hours and wash with an antibacterial soap and HOT water on a paper towel. The more blood you can remove, the less of a scab will form, which will promote better healing. Gently pat dry, and allow to air dry for 5-10 minutes.

There are several recommended aftercare products for tattoos. Anything that is NOT mentioned on this list WE do NOT approve for proper healing...

A&D Ointment
Ink Fix
Tattoo Goo
H2Ocean Foam
H2Ocean Lotion

All aftercare NEEDS to be PROPERLY applied.

A&D needs to be gently rubbed into the skin, and ANY extra gloss needs to be patted off with a paper towel. A&D is very thick and can easily smother the tattoo, which will not allow all the ink to raise to the surface. In turn, this will make your body absorb the ink which will result in a very blotchy, faded tattoo. This should be applied 2-3 times daily with NO bandage.

Ink Fix and Tattoo Goo are very similar. Both are a better product than traditional A&D. These do allow more oxygen to the tattoo, which is always better for healing. Ink Fix and Tattoo Goo, should have a THIN clear layer applied, not to be glossy. It is NOT necessary to pat with a paper towel unless too much was applied. This should be applied 2-4 times daily with NO bandage.

H2Ocean is the BEST aftercare for tattoos. Both the lotion and the foam heal your new tattoo with no complications. H2Ocean is moisturizing, antibacterial, antimicrobial and antifungal. This is composed of a coral reef sea salt which promotes very FAST healing. H2Ocean is easy to rub into the skin and will disappear into tattoo with PROPER application. This should be applied 3-5 times daily with NO bandage.

NEVER

PICK, PEEL, RUB OR SCRATCH YOUR TATTOO
GO INTO A POOL, SALTWATER OR BATH
BANDAGE TATTOO OR WEAR SOCKS OR TIGHT CLOTHING OVER TATTOO
NEVER USE VASELINE, BABY OIL, AVEENO, LUBERDERM, OR CUREL...
GO INTO THE DIRECT SUN

Follow these instructions for 10-14 days. After the scab flakes off there is a thin layer of white skin that WILL flake off and you will see your tattoo rise to the surface and become brighter and bolder.

At this time you may continue to apply the aftercare for additional moisture. This is recommended.

It generally takes 4 weeks for your tattoo to feel like normal skin again. Following these EXPLICIT instructions, your new tattoo should NOT require a touch up. Keep in mind this is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY and the artist and/or the company are not responsible for your healing process.

Touch ups are NOT included in the original price of the tattoo. There is a \$50.00 minimum for any touch up. We recommend you see the same artist that performed the original service. Thank you for your business at Scratch The Surface Tattoo Studios. Enjoy your new personalized art and please visit us for future tattoos and/or piercings.

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